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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 30691/5201
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/DE03/02141		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 27 June 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION    Cutting Device for Taking Care of Lawns and the Countryside, Comprising a Device for Receiving and Comminuting Cut Items		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/519646</b> PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 27 June 2002
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US        Jakob VOETS		

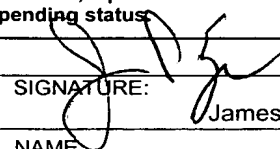
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☐ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).
  - a. ☐ is attached hereto.
  - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).

**Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:**

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☐ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information: International Search Report; return receipt postal card

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21. The following fees are submitted:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a) Basic national fee .....	\$300.00		\$	300.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b) Examination fee .....	\$200.00		\$	200.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	c) Search fee .....	\$500.00		\$	500.00
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>			<b>\$1000.00</b>	\$	1,000.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE		
- 100 =	/50 =		x \$250.00		
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (e)).				\$	
<b>CLAIMS</b>	<b>NUMBER FILED</b>	<b>NUMBER EXTRA</b>	<b>RATE</b>		
Total claims	- 20 =		x	\$	
Independent claims	- 3 =		x	\$	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(s) (if applicable)			+	\$	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				\$	1,000.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$	
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				\$	1,000.00
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (f)).				+	\$
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				\$	1,000.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				+	\$
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				\$	1,000.00
				Amount to be refunded:	\$
				Amount to be charged:	\$
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>1,000.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>13-2855</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.					
<b>NOTE:</b> Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.					
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:					
				SIGNATURE:	
				NAME	James P. Zeller
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				REGISTRATION NUMBER	

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Jakob Voets	)	For: CUTTING DEVICE FOR TAKING
	)	CARE OF LAWNS AND THE
U.S. National Phase of	)	COUNTRYSIDE, COMPRISING A DEVICE
PCT/DE03/02141 filed June 27, 2003	)	FOR RECEIVING AND COMMUNING
	)	CUT ITEMS
Filed: Herewith	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: To be assigned
	)	
	)	Examiner: To be assigned

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10**

I hereby certify that the attached four items (a) through (d) are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on December 23, 2004, in a postage-paid envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop PCT, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 utilizing the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service of the United States Postal Service under Mailing Label No. EV532463785US.

- (a) Transmittal letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371;
- (b) German application, including 22 sheets of description, seven sheets of claims, and five sheets of drawings;
- (c) Information Disclosure Statement; and
- (d) International Search Report.

  
Richard Zimmermann